

July 23, 2002

Mr. Ray Graham
Chairman, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
40 Culpeper Street
Warrenton, VA 20186

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am writing to you at this time to request that the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors resolve to file with the Governor of Virginia a request that Fauquier County be designated as drought disaster area. The Fauquier County Food and Agriculture Committee, consisting of George Sutton, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bob Williamson, Farm Service Agency, and myself have met and have determined that Fauquier County meets the criteria of a drought disaster area, as per Federal guidelines.

If Fauquier County is granted drought disaster status by the Governor's office, farmers in Fauquier County will be eligible for guaranteed low-interest loans from the Farm Service Agency, as well as any other disaster relief programs that are appropriated by Congress.

Enclosed you will find a suggested resolution for the Board to use in making this request of the Governor. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Regards,



Keith Dickinson
Extension Agent, Crop and Soil Sciences

CC: G. Robert Lee, Fauquier County Administrator
Peter Mitchell, Fauquier County Agricultural Development Officer
George Sutton, NRCS
Bob Williamson, FSA
Beverly Butterfield, VCE Northern District Director